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MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, October 10-12, 1935

SPEAKERS

Louis Round Wilson—president of the American Library Association—born in North Carolina—Haverford College, Pa., Honorary LL.D.—University of North Carolina, LL.D.—Librarian University of North Carolina, 1901-1932—dean of Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1932 to date—Member of various A. L. A. boards and committees—contributor to library and other periodicals.

Mrs. Caroline Dale Snedeker—born in New Harmony, Indiana, granddaughter of Robert Owen—author of *Downright Dencey*, *Theras* and his town and others.

Grace Hodgson Flandrau—author of short stories, novels and a travel book "Then I saw the Congo"—spent several years as a young bride on a coffee plantation in the state of Vera Cruz—was in the Mexican capital when Huerta and Madero bombarded each other across the city for 10 days—knew both President Madero and General Huerta—she will compare the Mexico of revolutionary times with Mexico as it is today.

Frederick May Eliot—minister Unity Church, St. Paul, since 1917—first lieutenant chaplain, U. S. A., World war; with A. E. F., 1918-19, Base Hospital, Tours, France—author of several religious books and "Samuel McChord Crothers, Interpreter of Life."

Grace Lee Nute—Curator of Manuscripts, Minnesota Historical Society—granted a fellowship by Guggenheim Memorial foundation—spent the past year in Canada, England and France gathering material for a joint biography of Radisson and Groseilliers—planning a volume about the French explorers who are believed to have discovered the Minnesota region between 1654 and 1660.

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 10

- 10:00 A. M.—Registration and Opening of Exhibits
- 10:30-12:00 A. M.—Junior members' Round Table—Mirrian Jansen, Owatonna, chairman
- 12:30 P. M.—Catalogers' and Reference Librarians' luncheon—Constance Humphrey, St. Paul, chairman
- Special Collections in the University of Minnesota Library—Frank K. Walter, Librarian
- Hospital Librarians' luncheon—Mrs. Emma Hovig, St. Paul, chairman
- Reports from the Denver conference—Mary Heenan, State School for the Blind, Faribault, E. Lydia Rosander, St. Paul
- The hospital librarian in relation to psychiatric research, Magnus C. Peterson, M. D., Asst. Supt. St. Peter State Hospital.
- County Librarians' luncheon—Maud van Buren, Owatonna, chairman
- How we reach rural residents—Ethel I. Berry, Hennepin County
- Relationship between the County Library and the County High School—Hazel Halgrim, Pennington County
- Why I should like to extend library privileges to my county—Elizabeth Dorcas, Albert Lea

2:30 P. M.—First General Session

Book reviews:

- Literature—Ada Bruncke, St. Paul Public Library
- Economics—Dorothy Houston, Minnesota Dept. of Education
- Technology—Helen Rugg, Hill Reference Library
- Minnesota Books and Pamphlets, 1934-35—Lois Fawcett, Minnesota Historical Society
- Reading and the Youth Movement—Sister Cecil, Library school, College of St. Catherine

7:00 P. M.—Dinner—Lowry Hotel

8:30 P. M.—Second General Session

Address by Grace Flandrau: Mexico

9:30 P. M.—Exhibitors' hour

Friday, October 11

- 8:00 A. M.—Breakfast for librarians in towns of 3,000 and less. Hotel Lowry. Irene Helland, Redwood Falls Public Library, chairman
- Talks by Mrs. Alice Lamb, Litchfield; Mynette Lindeloff, Sauk Center; Mrs. C. E. Skorseth, Canby.
- 9:00 A. M.—Election of officers and business meeting
- Report of Publicity committee, Perrie Jones, chairman

Report of Legislative committee, Alma M. Penrose, chairman

Report of Membership committee, Ruth M. Hall, chairman

Progress report of State planning committee, Clara F. Baldwin

State and federal aid, Mrs. Jessie H. Parsons, Elk River

10:30 A. M.—Third General Session

Grace Lee Nute—Discovery of New Radisson and Groseilliers source material

Dr. Frederick May Eliot—Contemporary British poets

2:30 P. M.—Library Drive and Tea

7:00 P. M.—Dinner—Women's City Club

8:30 P. M.—Fourth General Session

Gratia A. Countryman—Conference in many Languages

Perrie Jones—Outside the Big Top

Address by Dr. Louis R. Wilson, President, American Library Association

Saturday, October 12

9:30-10:00 A. M.—Library school news—Sister Marie Cecilia, College of St. Catherine; Frank K. Walter, University of Minnesota

10:00 A. M.—Joint session—School and children's librarians

Elsie L. Baker, St. Paul; Louise F. Encking, Minneapolis, chairmen.

10:00-10:30 A. M.—Alice Brunat, Minneapolis Public Library—New children's books

10:30-11:00 A. M.—Mrs. Luella B. Cook, Central High School, Minneapolis—The adolescent and his reading

11:00-11:30 A. M.—Dr. John G. Rockwell, State Commissioner of Education—Talk

11:30-12:00 A. M.—Dora V. Smith, University of Minnesota—Reading for fun

12:30—Luncheon—Women's City Club
Mrs. Caroline Dale Snedeker, speaker

Headquarters—The Hotel Lowry has been chosen as headquarters. Rates, single rooms, \$2.50 to \$5.00, double rooms, \$3.50 to \$7.00. Make reservations directly with the hotel.

Transportation—All librarians in the state know the way to the capital city, but it is suggested that any one who is driving, and has an extra seat, remember neighboring librarians who might enjoy a ride.

Membership—Annual dues: individual, \$1, institution, \$2, registration fee for the meeting, 50c.

Officers—Irma M. Walker, Hibbing, president; Eleanor Herrmann, St. Paul, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Jessie H. Parsons, Elk River, 2nd vice-president; Gertrude Glennon, Stillwater, secretary-treasurer; Alma Penrose, St. Cloud, ex-officio member of Executive Board.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The State Library Planning Committee met in the Minnesota Union for a luncheon meeting, on July 25, 1935.

Members present were: Miss Baldwin, Mr. Peik, Mr. Walter, Miss van Buren, Miss Countryman, Miss Jones, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Wood, Miss Penrose. Miss Baldwin presided.

Miss Baldwin outlined the work of the Committee up to date, and opened for discussion the question as to what should be the next step. She presented some statistical material, specimens of plans from other states, and some maps of Minnesota worked out to show pertinent factors in the library situation, such as density of population, existing book collections, trade areas and centers, library expenditure per capita, etc. She also reported the passage of the law for certification of school librarians and the failure of the public librarian's certification bill.

Discussion followed. Mr. Peik made the suggestion that since the trend of progressive school method is toward ever greater use of books, and since many new school buildings are being erected with federal aid, the plan of libraries in school buildings, serving both public and school, should be widely extended.

The advantage of regional units around trade centers, rather than the county unit, was stressed.

It was suggested that the immediate need was: First, for a definite statement of present conditions, needs and goal for library service to rural Minnesota, including factual and graphic material which might be used for presentation in a campaign of education, with the hope of securing, not only possible local contracts, but a public sentiment favorable to a request for certification and state aid, to be presented to the next legislature. Second, that a definite plan be made to enlist the aid of such organizations as the A. A. U. W., League of Women Voters, Parent-Teacher Associations, and others, in such a campaign of education, especially in view of the fact that some of these have definitely put library extension into their state programs.

It was pointed out that the present is not too soon to begin working for legislative objectives to be presented to the legislature two years hence.

Miss Countryman moved that the Committee be enlarged to include representatives of such organizations as might contribute to library development, and that a committee be appointed to choose such organizations and also the personnel of the new members. Carried.

Miss Jones moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a brief statement of objectives and a suitable program of action. Carried.

It was suggested by Miss Countryman that the plans of the Planning Committee be presented to the M. L. A. at the fall meeting, asking for their endorsement and for some financial aid.

ALMA M. PENROSE,
Secretary.

THE COMMUNITY'S LIBRARY

By FRANK K. WALTER, Librarian
University of Minnesota

This is an old subject and an old situation. The library was never far apart from the life around it. The difference between the older and the modern library is chiefly the wider scope of the term "community", the broader views of the duties of the library to its community and more intelligent appreciation on the part of the community of its part in the success or failure of the library.

It is not the number of residents, but the number who are able and willing to use the library, which forms its community. In a letter to the president of the American Library Association in 1913, Andrew Carnegie said the most valuable accomplishment of the public library movement in the past decade was "the spread of the truth that the public library, free to all the public, gives nothing for nothing; that the reader must himself climb the ladder and in climbing gain the knowledge how to live his life well". The library's public has been increased by the spread of education and a greater recognition of what the library can do for the individual. The last two or three years has shown its use in daily life as a stimulant and inspiration in times of discouragement and social adjustment.

There will probably never be a hundred per cent library community. No other social institution reaches everybody in the community. As long as individual tastes and abilities differ so long will the number of those using different public services and institutions differ. It is not a distinction between the fit and the unfit, or between thinkers and doers, for some very intelligent people are actually unable to read with pleasure or profit and must get their knowledge from conversation, observation and in other ways.

To increase the library community, it is necessary that more books of more kinds on more subjects must be provided for the greater and more varied needs of the present day. When life was leisurely and needs were few, the meandering path through the woods was enough, but present-day needs require modern highways of the most approved fashion. Similarly, the modern book stock must be suited to more needs in more directions, and more direct purposes. No library can live or grow if its book collection is stationary or shrinking.

In the second place the modern library differs from the old in the direct methods of serving its community. Good libraries do a tremendous business on small operating cost. Routine or red tape, as it is rather contemptuously called, is necessary. There are tens of thousands of items subject to immediate call, hundreds or even thousands of users to be identified, books to be kept in repair and replaced. The service must be prompt, the individual desires of the users must be taken care of. All of these are a tax on business ability, but unlike other business, the better service the library gives, the worse off it is in a business

way. The greater the number of its customers the less it can do for each unless its resources are increased:

Again, the library must be conducted under suitable conditions. There are conditions under which almost anybody will read almost anything, but usually the library must meet the competition of the moving picture, the night club and the joy ride. It must attract by a convenient, good-looking building arranged for efficient service. The users must be comfortable and not be subjected to any more annoyance than is really necessary.

There is no fixed "best" library method. Libraries must vary with the community and social conditions. The best library is the one which attracts the most people to read the most of the best books they will read or can be persuaded to read. The older library was rather easy to form. Standard sets were rather few and well known. Dickens, Scott, Hawthorne, the New England poets, Tennyson, Meredith's *LUCILE*, *The Reveries of a Bachelor* and similar "classics", were the backbone of nearly every collection. Few of these are being read by the present generation. There is no particular reason why they should be. If those of us who are of middle age or over, will project our own youth as far backward as these books are behind the times with the present generation we will find ourselves confronting Irving, Drake, Halleck, James K. Paulding, William Harrison Ainsworth, Lover, Lever, Mrs. Sigourney, Mrs. Hemans, Letitia Langdon, the Martineaus, Dana, Bayard Taylor, etc. How many of these did we read then or would we read now?

All this requires a library staff, not selected because of their leisure time or their financial need, or because they are known to the readers. In earlier days no special services were expected and that is what the public got. There were no children's rooms and few children's books. Such reading rooms as there were, were small, but practically never crowded. Now the staff must collect the books intelligently; it must make them accessible on the shelf or through the catalog; it must advise on the choice of books or plan courses of reading. This implies special aptitudes and special training. The difference between the old and the new is much like the heaven-born musician who plays or sings by ear, and the trained musical artist.

So much for the library, now for the community. When the library changed from a privately supported or privately donated institution to a public institution, the community, whether consciously or not, assumed responsibility for it. The community's library must usually be a community supported library. There is the same difference which exists between a private school and a public school. Community support is necessary for community service. Free citizenship of the highest type is impossible if the citizens must depend on gifts from others for the supply of public services of recognized necessity.

Community support implies money for new books and good books. These may be obtainable as gifts. Practically all libraries benefit greatly from this source and yet it is a little too much to expect the library staff to be entirely satisfied unless they have some money to buy

books of their own choice which they know the public will need, but which will certainly never be given to the library. Very few people would be content to live in a house entirely furnished by Christmas gifts or wedding presents, even though given by the best of friends.

The community needs a comfortable building, well adapted to its purpose. Unless given as a personal memorial, the community must supply it. It must usually at least take care of the upkeep even if the building is supplied through private donation. In the same way, good library service to the community is obtainable only if the community is willing to support a staff able enough and well-trained enough to give it what it needs and what it should have. In addition to these material financial means of support, there are others less tangible. Occasional expressions of appreciation from the community to the library staff bring good dividends. Even the most self-sacrificing person will work a little better if she feels that her efforts are being appreciated.

Even with all this support, the library, as I said, will never be a one hundred per cent institution. It is perhaps just as well that it should not be, for anything perfect is beyond the possibility of improvement and, therefore, likely to be dead. On the other hand, with all its imperfections, the library which has financial support enough for books and for staff and comfortable, convenient conditions for readers' use has gone a long way toward becoming an effective force in the community. This is all that can reasonably be expected of any institution, public or private as long as it is doing the best which its resources make possible.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Denver Conference

June 24-29, 1935

More than 1500 librarians, library trustees and others interested in the problems of the reading public attended the annual conference of the American Library Association the last week in June. Sixty committees and a dozen sections covering various aspects of library work were represented in nearly one hundred meetings held during the week.

"Curtailling the budgets of schools and libraries is not economy because those institutions are the fundamental providers of any kind of prosperity," said Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, in an address before one of the general sessions.

After reviewing the increase in the active demand for library books which has created four and a half million new readers since 1929, Mr. Chapman said: "Not only must we halt the move to reduce library facilities in the name of economy, but we must begin to provide support that will vastly increase these facilities so that every community, urban and rural, shall have easy access to books."

Reports brought to the conference from various parts of the country indicated that library revenues are beginning to share in the economic upturn. Twelve states reported

increased appropriations for state library agencies ranging from a few thousand dollars to increases of more than 300 per cent.

Mention was made of the campaign a year ago, in Minneapolis, which resulted in securing the maximum levy permitted by law. Many smaller cities and towns will have larger incomes than last year, according to estimates discussed, the increase in at least one case running as high as 100 per cent.

The American electorate is not qualified to vote intelligently on the complicated issues of modern government, the delegates were told by John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, who advocated public forums for adult civic education.

"Out of our 75 million adults, there are 65 million who have not finished high school and 32 million who have not finished elementary school," Dr. Studebaker said. "The great mass of them does not understand current governmental issues. How can democracy survive when the people entrusted with the final decisions of policy don't know what the issues are?"

Charles H. Compton, retiring president of the Association, in his presidential address, "Ourselves and Other People," predicted that unless something happens to raise the economic status of the people who work in the libraries of the country, librarians may be forced to unionize or libraries may have to become part of the public school system or come directly under the city government. While he admitted that these possibilities were slight, he urged upon librarians increased effort toward raising the standards and economic status of their professional personnel. Certification of librarians, he said, is progressing in various states, but the lack of such a measure in the majority of states still constitutes a serious problem. It should be accomplished in most of the states, he declared, before federal aid to libraries is realized.

Federal aid, state aid, certification, regional libraries and the governmental set-up for libraries were the principal stars which Judson T. Jennings of Seattle saw in his paper on "Star Gazing". "If we can hitch our library wagon to all of them, their team work may pull us out of the hole." The same guiding stars were seen by Charles H. Brown as factors in securing "Adequate Library Support".

As a result of action taken by the A. L. A. Council, negotiations with federal officials looking toward permanent federal aid will be deferred for a year until a special committee created by the Council shall have given further study to the subject and reported at the next annual conference. No postponement of the plan to urge the establishment of a federal library agency was authorized.

Other illuminating addresses were "Libraries and Librarians: from the Side of the Road", by Robert M. Lester, secretary of the Carnegie Corporation, in which he reviewed the Corporation's participation in library affairs, and "The Reading of Librarians" by Agnes Camilla Hansen, associate professor, University of Denver School of Librarianship. Aubrey Lee Hill of the New Rochelle, N. Y., Public Library in "Speaking for the Younger

Generation", made an earnest plea that the younger members of the profession be given opportunities to develop their ideals.

A challenge to schools to aid public libraries to stop the mutilation of library books by school children was voiced by Ralph Munn, Director, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, in his paper on "The Problems of Theft and Mutilation", presented before the Lending Section. Problems of young people without employment occupied the attention of other groups.

The trustees section endorsed the policy of having trustee memberships in the A. L. A. paid for out of library funds; approved the Association's plans to seek a federal library agency and federal aid for libraries; and advocated the adoption of a constitution and by-laws to clarify the work procedure of the section for library trustees, provide for the method of choosing officers, indicate essential committees and provide for their establishment.

In its resolutions at the conclusion of the conference, the Association voted to express appreciation to the German government for its action in reducing by twenty-five per cent the export prices of books and periodicals for libraries and commended, as "a fine public example," the generosity of the late Winslow B. Ayer, a trustee of Portland, Oregon, who recently left a bequest of \$250,000 to provide a staff pension and retirement fund for the public library of his home city.

Monica Shannon, of Santa Monica, California, was awarded the John Newbery medal for the most distinguished children's book written in 1934-35, the award being presented by the section on library work with children. **Dobry**, the winning book (Viking Press, \$2.00) is a story of the Bulgarian peasantry.

Louis Round Wilson, dean of the graduate library school at the University of Chicago, was elected president of the American Library Association for the coming year.

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The next midwinter conference of the American Library Association Council will be held at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, December 29, 1935 to January 1, 1936.

TWIN CITY LIBRARY CLUB

The Twin City Library Club held its spring meeting at the Women's City Club in St. Paul on May 2, 1935; there were 163 present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read, but the treasurer reported a balance of \$49.86.

A motion was passed that the annual contributing membership (\$25.00) be sent to the American Library Association.

Helen K. Starr, chairman of the Minnesota Library Association program committee, announced the coming meeting of the Association on October 10, 11, 12 at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul. Miss Starr hoped more opportunity would be given in the program for informal meetings. She suggested the Twin City Library Club sponsor an auto tour and possibly a tea.

The Club resolved to have a committee to arrange the auto tour.

A send-off was then given those members of the Twin City Library Club planning to attend the meeting in Spain of the International Library Conference.

Mrs. J. T. Jennings, who presided, introduced the evening's speaker, Mr. Theodore Koch, librarian of Northwestern University. Mr. Koch gave a very entertaining and informative talk on the "Literary forgeries of the nineteenth century". His lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. After the meeting opportunity was given the members and guests to examine some of the supposed first editions that Mr. Koch had brought with him.

IRMA H. KUESEL,
Secretary.

TWIN CITY CATALOGERS' ROUND TABLE

The Spring meeting of the Twin City Catalogers' Round Table was held April 23, 1935 at the Women's City Club, St. Paul. The following officers were elected for 1935-1936:

Constance Humphrey, Hill Reference Library, President (Re-elected); Tordis Vatshaug, University Library, Vice-President; Sister Marie Jose, St. Catherine's College, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sister Marie Jose was also chosen as delegate to the A. L. A. Catalog section meeting at the Denver conference.

After a report by Miss Moon on the year's work on terminology, Miss Heilmeyer explained the method of cataloging the New deal pamphlet and mimeograph material which has been worked out in the Hill Reference library, and methods used in other Twin City libraries were discussed. Mr. Willoughby Babcock, curator of the Minnesota historical society museum, then described the cataloging of the society's large picture collection and the analytic subject index which is now being made for the collection as one of the CWA and SERA projects.

ELIZABETH WEST,
Secretary-Treasurer.

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The sixteenth meeting of the Lake Region Library Club was held at Brainerd, June 14 and 15, 1935, with twenty librarians and trustees registering.

Friday morning was devoted to registering and inspecting the library with luncheon afterwards at Van's Cafe.

The afternoon meeting opened at two o'clock. Each member responded to roll call by commenting briefly on the progress made in her library during the year.

Because of the absence of Mrs. Halgrim, the Round Table discussion on County Libraries was led by Miss Miller. Mrs. Sam Newman of the Brainerd Library Board read a paper prepared by Mrs. Halgrim in which she described her efforts to get the county commissioners to increase the county aid for libraries.

The discussion was continued by Mrs. Bennett of Grand Rapids who spoke of her

work with schools and stations throughout the county, (See p. 119) and by Miss Norris of International Falls who told of the instruction she has been giving in the rural schools. Mr. A. Haswell Lang of Deerwood gave a most interesting talk on the reading needs of rural people. Mr. Lang, who has opened his private library in his summer camp to the farmers of his community, has had an unusual opportunity of visiting their homes and studying their needs.

The next discussion on Overlapping Problems of School and Public Librarians was led by Miss Harriet Wood and discussed by Miss Winzenburg of Crookston, where the public library is not connected with the school library, and by Miss Ludenia of Morris and Miss Lindeloff of Sauk Center where the public libraries are under contract to furnish library service to the schools. Miss Lindeloff also discussed the project she is starting of giving service to eleven rural schools.

Miss Ludenia said, "Since our high school and our library are about seven blocks apart and since debate work and in fact all reference work is done at the public library, the question of adapting our system to the greatest convenience for all is of paramount importance. Several plans have been evolved: the "Reserve shelf" when necessary with overnight withdrawals and having the whole class come to the library for a class period. Our most successful plan is to have the teacher come to the library, select a group of books in the required field and check them out in his name for the time agreed upon to be returned promptly. The books are kept in the class room to be consulted during the class period, and lent overnight.

"The advantages of this close inter-relation with the pooling of resources lie for the school in the bringing of maximum service. The pupils are encouraged at an early age to use library tools that ordinarily might not be available. Going to the library becomes as much a part of the pupil's school life as going to the gymnasium, or to band practice. It only remains for the public library to encourage this habit and to keep the individual's interest awakened and sustained after he is out of school."

A general discussion followed and then the meeting adjourned until six-thirty when the delegates were guests of the Brainerd library board at a delicious dinner at the Rock Garden, New Brainerd Hotel. Mr. Frank Johnson, president of the City Council, gave the address of welcome and Mrs. W. H. McCart of Detroit Lakes graciously responded. Mr. Frank K. Walter gave a splendid address on the "Community's Library". (See p. 105.)

The meeting opened Saturday morning at nine. The vice president appointed the following committees: Nominating—Mrs. Paxton, Chairman, Miss Wood, Miss Lindeloff; Resolutions—Mrs. McCart, Chairman, Miss Ludenia, Miss McIntosh.

A Book Selection Round Table was led by Miss Methven. The first speaker, Mr. Roman Becker, State Director of Workers' Education, discussed that phase of workers education that now receives a subsidy from the state. He said that they are trying to integrate education with the life of the persons participating in it and that they believe education should have a point

of view. He stressed the necessity for a good intelligent labor movement of which education is a necessary part.

Irma Walker of Hibbing, President of the Minnesota Library Association, presented a list of books for social studies, based on a bibliography in "Social problems" by Gillin and others, and then read a charming Indian legend which she had written—the result of research work on the Chippewas and Ojibwas and based on events which had actually taken place in the lake region near Brainerd.

Molly Barstow of Aitkin discussed the books which she uses in her adult education groups and Mrs. T. E. Jones of Brainerd presented a list of new fiction.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted, and the following officers elected: Pres.—Claire Winzenburg, Crookston; Vice Pres.—Effie Norris, International Falls; Sec.—Treas.—Mynette Lindeloff, Sauk Center.

The club accepted an invitation to meet in Sauk Center in 1935.

The meeting adjourned and the members met for luncheon at the Rock Garden and later for a drive around the lakes and tea at the summer home of Mrs. T. E. Jones.

CLAIRE WINZENBURG,
Secretary.

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY CLUB

Organization Meeting

The librarians and assistants from libraries on the Range met at the Virginia Public Library on April 11th for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. Edith Recheygl, librarian at Virginia, who called the meeting to order, was made temporary chairman and presided during the election of officers. Officers elected were: President—Edith Recheygl, Virginia; Vice-President—Mrs. Mata Bennett, Grand Rapids; Secretary—Ruth Vandyke, Coleraine; Treasurer—Mrs. Vivian G. Norrid, Eveleth.

It was decided to name the new organization the "Arrowhead Library Club," and to hold meetings quarterly, the exact time and program to be left to the hostess library.

Roll call showed 26 librarians and assistants present from twelve libraries as follows: Biwabik, Buhl, Chisholm, Coleraine, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Kinney, Mountain Iron and Virginia.

Tea was served by the librarians of the Virginia library at the close of the meeting.

The first meeting of the Arrowhead Library Club was held at Eveleth May 16, 1935.

Edith Recheygl, president, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p. m. after Mrs. Norrid had formally welcomed the members.

The roll call showed 39 librarians and assistants present from the following libraries: Aurora 1, Buhl 1, Coleraine 2, Duluth 8, Eveleth 8, Ely 1, Grand Rapids 3, Hibbing 5, Kinney 1, Mountain Iron 2 and Virginia 7.

The minutes of the organization meeting held April 11th were approved as read.

The question of dues was discussed. It was felt that all meetings should be open to all assistants as well as librarians and the payment of dues might keep some from joining the club. Following a suggestion by Mrs. Bennett of

Grand Rapids, it was voted that commencing with the September meeting a silver offering be taken at each meeting, to be turned over to the entertaining librarians to defray the expenses of the meeting.

Each librarian was then called upon to present some problem to be discussed by the group. The problems and their suggested solutions proved very interesting.

Another roll call of libraries brought forth new ideas of work being done in the various towns.

Miss Weaver, librarian at Buhl, invited the club to meet in the Buhl library in September.

Following the business, tea was served and Mrs. Norrid had arranged a musical program of violin and vocal numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

RUTH VANDYKE,
Secretary.

RANGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

The Spring meeting of the Range Library Trustees was held in Grand Rapids, April 30th, at the Pokegama Hotel. There were 90 guests present including representatives from Biwabik, Bovey, Buhl, Chisholm, Coleraine, Eveleth, Gilbert, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kinney, Marble, Mountain Iron, Nashwauk, Virginia.

Howard W. Anderson, president of the Grand Rapids library board acted as toastmaster. J. W. Mills, village president gave the address of welcome to which Mrs. Charles Bardesson of Hibbing responded. Miss Baldwin of the Library Division gave a talk in which she told of recent library legislation and federal and state relations of libraries.

Mrs. Erwin Lerch of Hibbing, president of the association took charge of the business session. Following the roll call, Dr. Medalie of Chisholm spoke on the Cultural Value of Books. He described a book exchange stimulated by the Russian revolution in his native village in Esthonia, when he was a boy. He read Darwin in Yiddish, and Fenimore Cooper in Russian, in short anything he could lay his hands on. He concluded by saying it was the duty of trustees to affirm their faith in the library as a social force.

Irma Walker, reference librarian, Hibbing spoke on Selecting Books for the Public Library. She mentioned the various lists and aids which were used in the process and emphasized the necessity for providing books to fit the immediate problems and interests of the community and the importance of having the book when the patron wants it. The Hibbing library is specializing in the history of the Arrowhead.

ROUND TABLE MEETING

A round table meeting for librarians in Southern Minnesota was held at Fairmont, April 26. Librarians and trustees from Fairmont, Jackson, Worthington, Mountain Lake, Mankato, Blue Earth and Winnebago were present. Problems of finance and administra-

tion were discussed at the morning session. Luncheon was served at the Congregational Church parlors followed by a musical program. The afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of books and periodicals for the small library. Each one present was called upon for a short review of some recent book which had been popular in her library.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DIVISION OF LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

By authorization of President Lotus D. Coffman and on invitation of the Division of Library Instruction, Miss Anita M. Hostetter, of the A. L. A. Headquarters, and Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf, of the New York Public Library, visited the school as representatives of the Board of Education on April 22nd and 23rd. At a meeting of the Board at the close of the June conference of the American Library Association at Denver, the Division was accredited as a library school of type 3. This class includes schools which give a full year of library work, but require less than four years of college for entrance.

The close relations of the Division with the educational system of the state and the College of Education of the University, make it desirable that some concession in entrance requirements shall be made in the interest of school librarians and transfer students from teachers' colleges.

Alumni Association

On May 23, 1935, the Alumni Association held its annual dinner meeting at the Atkinson Tea Rooms in Minneapolis.

Ruth Hall, president of the Association, opened the meeting with a welcome to the graduating class of the Library School, and to the faculty and alumni present. She outlined the activities of the association during the year, stressing the work of the professional committee, the questionnaire, the exchange of publications, and the dinner given for the visiting representatives of the American Library Association.

Reports of committees were read by the chairmen, as follows: Professional committee, Miss Jedermann; School committee, Miss Hirschfield, in the absence of Miss Engquist; Membership, Mrs. Havens; Social Committee, Miss Thornton; Alumni Notes and News, 1935, Miss Rapaport.

Miss Kuesel described her investigation of Scholarship funds as handled by other library schools. The chairman called for a general discussion of the problems revealed by this report. It was voted that the Scholarship committee be made permanent, and that it continue to study the question. It was voted that the retiring board each year, after leaving \$5.00 in the treasury to cover emergency expenses, should place the remaining moneys in a loan fund.

Mr. Walter addressed the group on the present trends in library work, and their bearing on the library school and association, touching upon employment, qualifications, and the possible accrediting of the School.

The following officers were elected: Eileen Thornton, President; Marie Dahl, Vice Presi-

dent; Goldie Rapaport, Secretary; Lucile Powderly, Treasurer.

Miss Hall introduced Miss Barbara Bell who entertained the members by singing a group of folk songs, accompanying herself on the lute.

ELINOR DONOHUE,
Secretary.

RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

Non-Fiction

Schermerhorn, William David. Christian mission in the modern world. Abingdon Press, 1933, 2.50. 266

For every area there is an outline of its history and contemporary movements, together with the origin, progress and problems of the mission there, thus showing the environment of the mission's history. Librarians needing this kind of material will appreciate having this book for reference, for the countries are covered in detail.

Ford, Guy Stanton, ed. Dictatorship in the modern world. Univ. of Minn. Press, 1935, 2.50. 321

The "emotionally charged question of dictatorship versus democracy" is analysed by eight men, who consider the dictatorships of Spanish America, Italy, Germany, Russia, the pattern of dictatorship and the prospects for democracy.

Foreman, Clark and Ross, Michael. The consumer seeks a way. Norton, 1935, 2.00. 330.9

John Littleman, an unemployed bank clerk, seeks the reasons for his plight from his former professors, from communists, senators, farmers, librarians and others. By his work with the CWA and TVA he develops a keen interest in the control of production by consumers. In story form, this is a skillful and clear presentation of many types of thought which a great number of library patrons will find illuminating. Will be useful in the field of consumers' education.

Ogburn, William Fielding, ed. Social changes during depression and recovery (social changes in 1934). Univ. of Chicago Press, 1935, 1.00. 330.9

Reprinted from the May, 1935, number of the American Journal of Sociology, the impact of 1934 in such fields as movements of population, rural life, family life, education and several others, is presented. Librarians will use this pamphlet frequently and it should be purchased by all.

Brindze, Ruth. How to spend money; everybody's practical guide to buying. Vanguard, 1935, 2.00. 338

This is not an attack on unethical advertising or trade methods, but an explanation of sales practices, the meaning of brands, trade vocabularies about brands and quality. For the growing demand for material on consumers' education, this will be very helpful. The author is chairman of a consumers' county council in New York state.

Lapp, John Augustus and Weaver, Robert Bartow. The citizen and his government; a study of democracy in the United States. Silver, 1935, 1.80. 353

Considering government as a living and changing agency, the ways in which the student may take part in local government to develop a citizen's responsibility, and comparisons of our government with others, this is an interesting and refreshing text with up-to-date information and illustrations.

Minnesota year book, 1935. League of Minnesota Municipalities, 1935, 5.00. 353.9

Statistics of state and local government of prime interest to every Minnesota citizen and public official are annually presented in this yearbook. The subjects are local government, taxation and finance, exempt property, tax delinquency, indebtedness, public utilities, a directory of state, county, city and village officials and some population statistics. Every Minnesota library needs this book.

Lindbergh, Anne Morrow. North to the Orient. Harcourt, 1935, 2.50. 629

All library patrons, beginning with older boys and girls, will respond to Mrs. Lindbergh's story of her famous flight, which is related with much charm and candor.

Hamilton, Edwin Timothy. Popular crafts for boys. Dodd, 1935, 3.00. 680

Libraries needing such material for both adults and children can make good use of this book which considers carpentry, mask-making, linoleum block printing, bookbinding, leathercraft, pottery, tinercraft, model-making, trick photography, soap sculpture, paper mosaics, plastic wood modeling, art metalcraft and wood carving.

Thomas, Mrs. Mary Hedger. Mary Thomas's dictionary of embroidery stitches. Morrow, 1935, 2.00. 746

305 embroidery stitches are concisely explained, with a diagram for each. The arrangement is alphabetical by best-known names, with an appendix grouping the stitches by suggested uses. Of real interest and usefulness.

Mason, Bernard Sterling and Mitchell, Elmer Dayton. Social games for recreation. Barnes, 1935, 2.50. 790

For the physical director, club leader, group worker, parent and player, 1200 games are described. Games are included, also, for teachers of nature study, first aid, arithmetic, history, geography, grammar and the Bible. This is an excellent collection.

Manner, Jane, ed. Silver treasury: prose and verse for every mood. French, 1935, 3.00. 808.8

Making a plea for the fine art of reading aloud, this compiler has grouped poems, short stories, sketches, monologues and scenes from great plays in an unusual way.

Sherwood, Robert Emmet. Petrified forest. Scribner, 1935, 2.00. 812

This play in two acts has been a success during the past Broadway season. "The author

has something to say", and this play makes good reading. Will be good for club reviews.

Bowen, Catherine Shober Drinker. Friends and fiddlers. Little, 1935, 2.00. 814

Based on her certain conviction that music, especially of amateurs at home, is an essential in the life of every person, Mrs. Bowen presents her case in informal chapters which are described as wise, endearing, gay, spirited, serious, devout. Should be read aloud.

Essay annual, 1935; a yearly collection of significant essays, personal, critical, controversial, and humorous; ed. by E. A. Walter. Scott, 1935, 1.00. 814.08

Those who are not like Katherine Fullerton Gerould in deploring the passing of the traditional essay will find here many examples of the practical matters now found in essay form—education and philosophy, people and places, politics, humor, social trends, the arts, the press and literature. This is a useful and inexpensive collection.

Day, Clarence. Life with Father. Knopf, 1935, 2.00. 818

These sketches of his irascible, tyrannical father and illogical mother are unlike anything met previously. They demand reading aloud. An "extraordinarily funny book", with underlying wisdom. Not everyone will appreciate this.

Collette, Elizabeth. Highroad to English literature. Ginn, 1935, 1.60. 820.9

This is an informal guide, which will attract many adults as well as the high school students for whom it is intended. Its illustrations are not the usual ones and its suggestions for reading will send many to the library. Clubs and study groups should make good use of it.

Horrabin, James Francis. An atlas of European history from the second to the twentieth century. Knopf, 1935, 1.50. 912

Like his Atlas of Current Affairs, these simple maps with accompanying single pages of text serve to clarify the facts which have bearing on the Europe of today—mainly political and territorial. Of real assistance to many people.

Fischer, Karl, ed. Norway today; 2nd ed. rev. Mortensen, 1934, 5.00. 914.8

Many libraries cannot afford to buy this book. Where there is a particular interest in this country, small libraries may be able to receive it as a gift from interested patrons. It is filled with splendid photographs and brief text, of the culture, scenery, science, literature, art, travel, sport, explorations, natural resources, trade and industries of modern Norway. Librarians may borrow from the Library Division for examination.

Brinley, Kathrine Gordon Sanger. Away to the Gaspe. Dodd, 1935, 2.50. 917.14

This description of a motor trip from Connecticut to Quebec and around the Gaspe peninsula, with pencil drawings by the author's husband, covers a little-known section of America not usually represented on travel shelves.

Sheppard, Mrs. Muriel Earley. Cabins in the laurel. Univ. of North Carolina Press, 1935, 3.00. 917.56

Present-day ways of living among the Carolina Blue Ridge mountains are vividly presented by full-page remarkable photographs of the people, their homes, industries and recreation, with anecdotes, stories and ballads peculiar to this region. "Instructive and entertaining" where needed.

Wise, Winifred E. Jane Addams of Hull-house; a biography. Harcourt, 1935, 2.50. 921

A simple and direct record for older girls and adults. A definitive biography, by her nephew, James Weber Lynn, is announced by Appleton-Century for the early fall.

Stephenson, George Malcolm. John Lind of Minnesota. Univ. of Minn. Press, 1935, 4.00. 921

Minnesota librarians will wish to buy this life of Minnesota's one-time governor, which also includes much of Minnesota's political history from 1886 to 1930.

Gathorne-Hardy, Geoffrey Malcolm. A short history of international affairs, 1920-1934. Oxford Univ., 1934, 3.00. 940.5

"Well-informed and reliable for the non-specialist who tries to follow world affairs". His last chapter on the conflicting opinions regarding war and peace is considered especially good.

Nourse, Mary Augusta. The four hundred million; a short history of the Chinese. Bobbs, 1935, 3.50. 951

Librarians who need new material in this field will do well to buy this volume which makes its political history the background for China's development in art, literature, philosophy, religion. For the general reader and some young people.

Adams, James Truslow and Vannest, Charles Garrett. The record of America. Scribner, 1935, 2.20. 973

Considering its political, social, economical and cultural development, this is not a stereotyped history of America. To present the logical sequence of an idea, such as "How the developing West influenced our life, character and attitude," important facts are grouped about a general topic. It has many illustrations and study helps and should prove a stimulus to many readers, young people and adults.

Millis, Walter. Road to war: America, 1914-1917. Houghton, 1935, 3.00. 973.9

An analysis of the psychological forces back of our entry into the World War, this is an important book, with acknowledged weaknesses, in the presentation of an important crisis in our history.

Fiction

Banning, Margaret Culkin. The first woman. Harper, 1935, 2.00.

Minnesota's author of popular novels considers the plight of women in politics. It makes quick and entertaining reading for both men and women.

Boyd, James. Roll river. Scribner, 1935, 2.75.

This is a long, four-generation story of a Pennsylvania family revealed in the love stories of aunt and nephew. For library patrons who are unhurried in their reading and enjoy family chronicles.

Bridge, Ann, pseud. Illyrian spring. Little, 1935, 2.50.

In the form of a novel, the reader will here enjoy a combination of travel along the little-known Dalmatian coast, and some wholesome interpretations of family misunderstandings and love affairs. A pleasing book which will interest many readers.

Carroll, Mrs. Gladys Hasty. A few foolish ones. Macmillan, 1935, 2.50.

A farming community is portrayed with much the same feeling for people and the land in *As the Earth Turns*. Will be enjoyed by many readers of fiction.

Cather, Willa Sibert. Lucy Gayheart. Knopf, 1935, 2.00.

There seems to be both disappointment and appreciation in the reception of Miss Cather's study of a young woman.

Cushman, Clarissa Fairchild. But for her garden. Little, 1935, 2.00.

One of the lighter novels, of a southern wife and her Northern husband with unlike ambitions, which is acceptable, especially for the importance given to flower gardens and outdoor life.

De La Roche, Mazo. Young Renny (Jalna-1906). Little, 1935, 2.50.

Some readers are Jalna devotees and some are not. Librarians should buy with this in mind.

Field, Rachel Lyman. Time out of mind. Macmillan, 1935, 2.50.

It is unusual to find a heroine who, with simple dignity, acknowledges her secondary position in life. She tells the story of the Fortune family, Maine ship-owners, and the tragedy of a father forcing a son to carry on an uncongenial family tradition.

Glasgow, Ellen. Vein of iron. Harcourt, 1935, 2.50.

A twentieth century story, in *Shut-in Valley* of Virginia, which ranges from the life of the early Scotch Presbyterians to the problems of life in 1930. It is for thoughtful readers.

Macdonald, Mrs. Sheila Scobie. Mr. Crusoe's young woman. Coward, 1935, 2.00.

Its South African setting lends additional interest to a pleasant love story, of interest to women and some men.

Marquand, John Phillips. Ming yellow. Little, 1935, 2.00.

"A lively and clean-cut adventure story" of Americans in present-day China. Men will like this story.

Rice, Alice Caldwell Hegan. *The Lark legacy.* Appleton-Century, 1935, 2.00.

This novel fills most acceptably the ever-present demand for light fiction which at the same time, has some significance.

Stern, Gladys Bronwyn. *Shining and free: a day in the life of the matriarch.* Knopf, 1935, 2.50.

Library readers who have been entertained by *The Matriarch* will wish to read its sequel. Others will find it "grand fun" to read of the 88-year old Anastasia Rakonitz.

Sykes, Hope Williams. *Second hoeing.* Putnam, 1935, 2.50.

A family of German-Russians at work in the Colorado beet fields as contract workers and as renters "cultivate soil hitherto untilled in American fiction." Decidedly worthwhile for its background, honesty and economic picture.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

The book fund of the Library Division, which during the past two years was reduced from \$6,000 to \$3,000, has now been restored to \$5,000—a most encouraging stimulus to better library service. We have recently added something over five hundred books to the package library collection and will have ready this fall new adult, general, juvenile and high school traveling library collections. We wish, if possible, to send these boxes of books to the librarians of small school and public libraries who, after making a real effort to secure local book funds, are unable to secure new books.

Many more books were sent out the past year than previously. It is interesting to note the increase, by classes, in the circulation of package library books. The greatest came among books on the fine arts, then the social sciences, useful arts, literature, children's books, biography, science, religion, philosophy and psychology, travel. There was a loss in fiction.

With the assistance of an SERA librarian, a catalog of our pamphlet collection—a most valuable aid in reference work—has been half completed. We very much hope that this may be completed as a WPA project.

Through the stimulus given by Mrs. B. O. Fish, Extension Specialist in Child Welfare, thirty-one groups of mothers borrowed books on child care and training. We anticipate increasing requests for this kind of reading from this rapidly growing group of students.

Within the last month twenty-four club libraries have been sent to women's study groups. For some reason the programs this year deal with specific countries—as Scandinavia, the Balkan States, Germany, Alaska, Italy, Japan, China, South Africa, the Mediterranean countries. There are also clubs studying the short story, modern authors, famous historical places, flowers and gardening, home crafts and child training.

A school librarian sends this good report of a traveling library: "The eighth grade decided to have a little 25 book library of their own, one of which they would be both librarians and readers.

Their book club financed the undertaking, paying \$1.50 to the Minnesota Free Traveling Library for loaning them books for six months. Now the books have been returned, and the students check with pleasure the results of their experiment. Here they are: twenty-two students in the eighth grade read 105 books, an average of better than five books each. Yet this is hardly fair to some readers, as a few just won't let themselves get interested in books and bring down the average." After reporting on the most popular books, the report concluded: "Members of the class were librarians, yet not a single book was lost. Moreover every book was returned in good condition. If larger libraries could show such a clean record, they would get space on a leading page in the national librarian's magazine."

Among our new list of books are the following: *Mechanics—Engineering—Carpentry*, European travel, *Fifty Influential Books*, Industrial and labor problems, *Scandinavian countries*, *Children's books*, *Social, economic and political questions*.

For the International Mind Alcove collection of books we have received the following additions:

Angell. *Peace and the plain man.*

Barretto. *Bright Mexico.*

Buchan. *The people's king.*

Cambon and others. *Foreign policy of the powers.*

Capek. *President Masaryk tells his story.*

Clark. *Great wall crumbles.*

Lattimore. *Turkestan reunion.*

Longstreth. *To Nova Scotia.*

Milne. *Peace with honour.*

Morley. *Hasta la vista.*

Owen. *Leaves from a Greenland diary.*

Ponder. *Java pageant.*

For children there are:

King. *A boy of Poland.*

Lee. *Pablo and Petra.*

Perkins. *Norwegian twins.*

Petersham. *Miki and Mary.*

Sperry. *One day with Manu.*

Thomas. *Paulo in the Chilean desert.*

Among the new books added to the open shelf are the following:

Non-Fiction

Adams. *Record of America.*

Akins. *Old maid.*

Bain. *Parents look at modern education.*

Bauer. *Contagious diseases.*

Bauer. *Modern housing.*

Beard. *Open door at home.*

Behrman. *Rain from heaven.*

Benson. *Queen Victoria.*

Bertaux. *Panorama of German literature, 1871-1931.*

Bossard. *Social change and social problems.*

Brainard. *Problems of our times, v. 1.*

Browne. *How odd of God.*

Carter. *China magnificent.*

Cartwright. *Ten years of adult education.*

Chamberlain. *There is no truce.*

Counts. *Social foundations of education.*

Dimnet. *My old world.*

Drew. *Enjoyment of literature.*

Earp. Modern movement in painting.
Engle. American song.
Everett. America faces the future.
Fox. Sources of culture in the middle West.
Friedman. Early American Jews.
Garrison. Intolerance.
Goslin. Rich man, poor man.
Harlow. History of the United States.
Hoffman. Leadership in a changing world.
Hollingworth. Psychology of the audience.
Hoyt. Elinor Wylie.
Jesness. Program for land use in northern Minnesota.
Lemon. From Galileo to cosmic rays.
Lingstrom. This is Norway.
Linke. Restless days.
Lippincott. Government control of the economic order.
Maurois. Dickens.
Minn. Comm. on Land Utilization. Land utilization in Minnesota.
Morris. Fifty years a surgeon.
Munro. Municipal administration.
Myerson. Homemakers handbook.
Nelson. Sales taxes.
Nickerson. Can we limit war?
O'Casey. Within the gates.
Patmore. Modern furniture and decoration.
Patterson. Social aspects of industry.
Patton. More fur bearing animals.
Powys. Art of happiness.
Read. Art now.
Rorty. Our master's voice.
Rosbloom. Diesel handbook.
Shepherd. Diesel engine design.
Sigerist. American medicine.
Simonds. Great powers in world politics.
Svanstrom. Short history of Sweden.
Thorndike. Adult interests.
Trent. Women over forty.
Warburg. Money muddle.
Wells. Bermuda in three colors.
Wollin. Modern Swedish arts and crafts in pictures.
Young. Why wars must cease.

Fiction

Cobb. Paths of glory.
Chase. East river.
Feuchtwanger. The Oppermanns.
Gordon. Aleck Maury, sportsman.
Hull. Murder of my aunt.
Kelly. Sounding harbors.
Mann. Young Joseph.
Rylee. Deep, dark river.
Young. This little world.

MILDRED L. METHVEN,
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Buying List of Books for Small Libraries, compiled by Marion Horton, is the fifth edition of this useful library aid. The selection of 1750 books is basic, yet its emphasis is contemporary, since more than 50 per cent of the titles have been published since 1930. In addition to books for adults and children, there are also lists of sources for pamphlet material. Its price is \$1.35. The librarians of all small public li-

braries should buy this book selection guide without fail.

Helps for Club Program Makers is now out in its second edition, completely revised by Elizabeth Gillette Henry. Outlines issued since 1930 have been added, together with sources of program material under some 150 subjects. Examples of simple programs are given and a list of state agencies giving help to women's clubs is included. Many of the demands made on the library by women's clubs and other study groups are easily met with this useful index. Priced at \$.75.

The fourth **Catalogers' and Classifiers' Yearbook** has been issued by the Catalog Section. It contains four good articles on present day economies in cataloging and reports on cooperative cataloging, together with numerous other subjects of special interest. The cost of this volume is \$1.75.

Public Documents, 1934, their selection, distribution, cataloging, reproduction and preservation, has been edited by A. F. Kuhlman. These papers presented at the Montreal Conference consider regional planning, the organization of state and municipal document exchanges and social science material with special reference to public documents. Its price is \$2.25.

H. W. Wilson Company

The first supplement to the 1934 edition of the **Standard Catalog for Public Libraries** has just been issued. It is sold on the service basis. This is an annotated list of 610 titles with a full analytical index to them, in addition to information about reprints and new editions. Medium-sized public libraries which have purchased the main volume will receive the supplements as they are issued.

Publicity for Public Libraries, by Gilbert O. Ward, is now in its revised, second edition. This is meant for the librarian of lesser experience who must plan publicity for a medium or small-sized library. There is much new material on displays, exhibits, library printing, library campaigns and many other pertinent subjects. Librarians will do well to have this volume near for frequent reference. Its price is \$2.40.

Miscellaneous

Living with Books, by Helen E. Haines, is a discussion of the art of book selection. "There seems little doubt but that this will become an indispensable part of the equipment of all libraries." It is a "practical guide in book selection which is at the same time a book to browse in. It is critical and inspiring and factual, it is well sprinkled with references and supplied with illustrative book lists. Miss Haines' liberal mind is supported by a finely balanced judgment and an amiable acquaintance with literature." A book of real inspiration. Order this from the Columbia University Press, at \$4.00.

The Picture File in School, College and Public Libraries, by Norma Olin Ireland, is published by Faxon at \$1.25. There are brief,

practical directions for starting a new picture file or revising an existent one, with information on sources, mounting and uses of pictures, in addition to a forty-page list of subject headings.

An Introduction to the World of Books has been compiled by Lucile Phillips Morrison and published by Scripps College for fifty cents. It is designed to answer the question "What should I read before entering college?" It is the result of cooperative effort by faculty, students, graduates and children's librarians. There is also included a section of books for younger readers.

The Government of the American Public Library, by Carleton Burns Joeckel, may be obtained from the University of Chicago Press for \$3.00. "Librarians and library trustees, citizen and taxpayer groups, political scientists and public administrators, will find this volume of value to them." The position of the public library in the structure of government is described, analyzed and evaluated. There are chapters on the larger units of library service and the regional problem which are most timely. It closes with a description of the future relations of the library and the government.

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IRMA H. KUESEL,
 Reference Librarian.

PERSONAL

Stella Telford, who has been school and public librarian at Hastings for the last 24 years, and connected with the school for 46 years has resigned her position. She will be succeeded this fall by Margaret Lyon, Minnesota, 1934. During the summer Miss Telford has voluntarily kept the library open one morning a week, and reports that 665 books have been lent.

Jean Stewart, librarian of the Wadena public library for over 20 years has retired from active work. Miss Stewart began as a volunteer librarian in 1914, when the library was supported by memberships. Since that time, appropriations have been secured from the council, additional room was made available, and a contract with the public schools was made. Instruction in the use of books has been given to high school and grade pupils.

Rose Wagner, who has assisted Miss Stewart for the past two years has been named her successor.

Bonnie Elliott, formerly librarian at Glen Ridge, N. J., has been elected librarian at Hibbing, succeeding Nancy Venberg who resigned to be married.

Fannie M. Viitala, librarian at Mountain Iron, since 1932, was married August 5 to George A. Kakela, athletic director and coach of the Mountain Iron schools. Mary Grivich, who has been an assistant in the library was elected librarian.

Leona Olson, librarian of the Gilbert public library since its opening resigned June 15 to accept a position as reference librarian of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Anita Saxine, College of St. Catherine Library School, 1935, was elected to succeed Miss Olson.

In Memoriam

Mrs. James C. Goss, librarian at Anoka for 19 years, died July 30 of a heart attack. Mrs. Goss retired in 1933, because of failing health. At that time many evidences of appreciation of her work were given by individuals and various organizations in the city and county, and again in November, 1934 at the celebration of her

golden wedding. Besides her library interest, she was active in club and civic affairs, and was one of the organizers of the Anoka County Historical Society.

Mrs. R. H. Lucas, librarian of the Eden Prairie branch of the Hennepin County system, died on April 12th. Mrs. Lucas was a lifelong resident of Hennepin County, and before she became school librarian at Eden Prairie 11 years ago had established a circulating library in her home.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

New Libraries

Henning—A free public library is being sponsored by the Women's Reading Club. It is open every Saturday afternoon at Anderson's feed store.

Lake Benton—A public library was opened April 26 in the village hall, under the auspices of the Federated Club. 325 books were donated and 100 more were borrowed from the traveling library. A story hour for children was started in July. An ice-cream social was held July 27 to raise money for books and additional equipment.

Shafer—Starting with a traveling library, the Shafer Study Club has opened a public library in the old bank building. A silver tea was given, and about 250 books were collected to add to the traveling library.

Waconia—Under the auspices of the P. T. A. a public library was opened in Waconia on April 5th. Books and cash contributions were solicited and the library opened with over 600 books. The city council voted \$10.00 a month for the remainder of the year for the maintenance of the library.

Finance and Administration

Belle Plaine—The borough council at its June meeting voted to levy a one-fourth mill tax for the public library.

St. Paul—The St. Paul Public Library was closed August 25 to September 8, because of reduction in appropriation. Before closing, patrons were allowed to borrow 10 books, fiction or non-fiction, and the usual number of magazines.

Sandstone—The public library was closed for the summer months on account of shortage of funds.

Two Harbors—An amendment to the city charter was passed at the March election authorizing the council to increase the library tax to 3 mills.

Buildings and Improvements

Bovey—A reading-room has been opened in the new village hall built with Federal funds.

Duluth—The enlarged branch in the Gary-New Duluth community building was formally opened to the public May 23. Judge Bert Fesler of the library board was the principal speaker. A new entrance and shelving were

built with ERA labor under the supervision of Anton Swanson, chief engineer of the public library buildings.

Le Sueur—The old Mayo home in Le Sueur was given to the city by Drs. William and Charles Mayo as a memorial to their father Dr. W. W. Mayo, who came to Le Sueur in 1856. The building is being furnished for use as a public library and museum.

New Ulm—Plans for the library and museum have been accepted by the council and the contract for the building costing about \$40,000 has been let.

Rochester—Plans for the new library building have been approved by the library board and application for PWA funds has been filed.

The library buildings at **Chisholm**, **Cole-raine**, **Glenwood** and **Zumbrota** have been redecorated, and a Lewis air conditioning system has been installed on the first floor at **Chisholm**. A new roof has been put on the **Preston** public library. Alterations have been made in the basement at **Worthington** with relief labor, to provide for a separate children's room in the future. The library rooms at **Canby** were completely redecorated and cleaned in the spring with SERA funds.

A new lighting system was installed at **Fergus Falls**.

With ERA labor improvements were made in library grounds at **Graceville**, and the bluff at the back of the library building at **Montevideo** was terraced and graded and a retaining wall was built at the foot.

A reading table was built by the manual training department in the high school for use in the reading room of the Carnegie library at **Little Falls**.

The **Columbia Heights** public library was moved into larger quarters on the second floor of the Heights theater building.

The **Howard Lake** public library was moved from the city hall to a room in the school house with free rent, light and heat. The move was made so that the school could have access to the books, since the public library was open only on Saturday afternoon.

Gifts and Bequests

Chatfield public library has received another bequest of \$5000 from Mrs. Hendricks, a resident of Chatfield for many years. The \$1000 left by Miss Etta Coe will be used for necessary repairs on the building, a set of new Britannica and a new catalog case.

Stillwater public library received a bequest of \$5000 from the late Elmore Lowell, and 300 volumes from the library of Harry K. Huntoon.

Owatonna—The gift of art books and prints from the Carnegie Corporation valued at \$4500, surpasses the wildest expectations of the librarian in its beauty and value. Owatonna is to be congratulated on being chosen for this

gift, and any librarian in the state would be repaid for making a special trip to see this noteworthy collection. The library has also received a gift of \$100 from the Twentieth Century Club to add to the endowment fund for children's books, and \$100, the proceeds of the Community carnival.

Faribault—The private library of the late Judge Buckham, in whose memory the library building was erected by the late Mrs. Anna M. Buckham has been placed in the east study room off the reference room, a room designed for this purpose. The collection consists of about 1000 books, in which art, history and the classics have a prominent place.

Other gifts of books are:

Lamberton—73 books donated on Guest Day.

Lanesboro—More than 40 books by Norwegian authors presented by the Sons of Norway at a book tea in the community building.

An interesting collection of foreign pictures was presented to the Bryant library, **Sauk Center**.

Library benefits include three one-act plays given by the Young Women's Club of **Brainerd**, which turned over \$50 to the library fund; a play given by a young women's group in **Cambridge**; a benefit bake sale in **Farmington**; and a benefit dance given by the American Legion and auxiliary in **Moose Lake** the proceeds of which were \$150.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Hennepin County Institute

The Hennepin County branch librarians met in the club room of the Minneapolis Public Library on April 13, at 10 o'clock. Miss Berry called attention to certain rules which must be observed to insure better turn over of the collection in the interests of all branches.

Louise Burwell, librarian of Minnetonka Mills gave a delightful talk on a recent European trip in Italy and southern France.

Helen Baird, secretary of the Bibliographical Committee of the Minneapolis Public Library presented a list of non-fiction of general interest with brief comments. Elizabeth Thorson, head of the Technical Department, Minneapolis Public Library, presented a selected list of Free Material, including trade catalogs and house organs, with suggestions regarding ways of securing them and told of the resources of the collection in the Technical room.

Librarians from 18 of the 23 branches responded to roll-call, reporting on improvements, and the work of the past winter, showing the usual originality and activity of this group.

Miss Jackman, school librarian at Coleraine was present and described the system used in their school of supplying books to outlying schools.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at the Y. W. C. A.

Itasca County—In response to requests for books from the rural sections, the County Board was approached and an appropriation of

\$150 was granted in 1908. This has continued, and has grown in dollars as well as in service, with only one break. About five years ago at the July meeting the Commissioners decided to economize and omit the library appropriation. With the consent of the trustees, we circulated books to the residents of Grand Rapids only, sending the rural borrowers to their county commissioners. The scheme worked, and within two weeks we had our money affairs settled, and business went on as usual.

Now we have changed from appropriation to tax levy. The levy gives us about \$3,000 per year from the county.

Under the recreational department of the SERA, we have opened several branches. At Deer River the Woman's Club rents a room in the Miller Hotel, the ERA stationed a man in charge, and we furnish the books. At Cohasset, the village through the income from their liquor store, furnishes a room, light and heat, the ERA the librarian, and we the books. At Bigfork and Wirt the school furnishes the room and for nine school months the librarian, with the P. T. A. paying some one to take charge in the summer. The Goodland Rehabilitation Colony still is without a library of its own, but hopes soon to have a place. They receive books from the Goodland Farm Bureau Station. We have 35 stations under the direction of the Farm Bureaus.

This takes care of the adult reading. The children get their reading matter through the school stations. Every rural teacher is permitted to select books from the children's department, and with 114 such stations in the county the younger children are taken care of and besides we have a small collection in the branches.

MATA C. BENNETT,
Librarian.

Koochiching County—The school children of the county are using the library more each year according to circulation statistics. The total circulation in the schools for 1934-35 was 77,177, an increase of 57,537 since 1926. In district No. 1, the unorganized territory, the children read an average of 23.5 books per pupil, while in International Falls, and neighboring villages the average was 20.6 and 17.3 per pupil.

Lake County—The figures for Lake County given in the County Statistics, March Library Notes and News, p. 84, should be corrected. The number of rural borrowers should read 518, representing 19 communities in the county and the circulation was 6217.

Meeker County—The Litchfield library board at its March meeting decided that county service could no longer be given without more adequate appropriation from the county. The county patrons undertook a vigorous campaign and secured an appropriation of \$325 for the present year also the payment of \$200 due on a previous appropriation.

Pennington County—The appropriation from the county for the coming year was increased from \$500 to \$625. A branch sponsored by the Women's club has been established in St. Hilaire.

Ramsey County Library Truck

After seven and a half years of service Ramsey County's old library truck was discarded last spring and a new and larger one sent out to carry books to cross-roads stores, farm homes, and rural schools in the county.

Instead of a capacity of only 600 books, the new one will carry a thousand books, and there is space besides in the truck for twelve people to select books at one time. The truck makes regular stops at 30 schools every two weeks, and children in these schools may take from the truck books for themselves and their parents. For those rural people who want books, and who do not have children in school, the truck stops at 50 centrally located homes in the county. Folks in the neighborhood come to these homes to make their selections. The cross-roads stores and garages at which the truck stops also are used as distribution centers.

To provide money for this rural library service there is an annual appropriation of \$5,000 made by the county, and then the schools contribute their state book funds. With this money the rural library service can supply about 1,000 new books each year.

Stearns County—Eleven rural schools, 9 in Stearns County, and 2 in Todd County have made contracts for service with the Sauk Center public library. Boxes of books containing 35 to 40 books will be sent to the schools to be exchanged once a month. A sample collection was displayed at the Stearns County fair in August.

Steele County—The annual report from Steele County shows 3 deposit stations in villages, 8 neighborhood agencies, and 66 schools as distributing centers.

Washington County—The board of county commissioners has appropriated \$1300 to the Stillwater public library for county service and \$100 to the Newport public library.

Stuntz Township—A new library bus was built this summer by workmen in the Town of Stuntz garage. The new bus carries 1800 books, 60 current magazines and has room for 20 persons inside. The books are furnished by the Hibbing public library. During the first six months of 1935, the total circulation was 44,635, an increase of 4,658 over the same period in 1934.

For Laws for Library Cooperation, see School Libraries Department, p. 123.

WANTED

A. L. A. Bulletin, 1915.

Single numbers or the complete volume are solicited from any library which has them to spare.

Library Division,
State Department of Education,
St. Paul, Minn.

LIBRARIES AND THE WORK RELIEF PROGRAM

A number of library projects have been filed with the Works Progress Administration including special cataloging, extension of service and book mending. Application for PWA grants for buildings have been made by Duluth, Grand Rapids, Rochester and St. Cloud.

A report on Women's Work in Minnesota under CWA and ERA by Jessie Bloodworth, director of women's work has just been issued. It states that approximately 400 women were employed in connection with public libraries mending books and assisting with clerical work and desk service.

"One phase of the women's program contributed to a large extent in helping solve the leisure time problem by supplying **library help**. Library budgets were in effect stretched by the repair and renovation of dilapidated books, and in many communities the extra force enabled libraries to remain open longer hours, thus enabling many persons to use library facilities who would otherwise be deprived of this resource.

"The Director of Libraries and local librarians in public schools and public libraries throughout the state cooperated in initiating and supervising work relief projects for employing trained librarians, book menders and clerical workers. In numerous instances where trained women were not to be found on relief, the librarians gave much time in personally training many women in cataloging, book mending, and other library activities which will be a great future asset to the workers."

NOTES FROM INSTITUTION LIBRARIES

Miss Mirrian Jansen, University of Minnesota and St. Catherine's College, B. S. 1931, has been appointed full-time librarian at the State Public School, Owatonna. Miss Tordis Heyerdahl, who has had teaching experience and completed the course in the Minnesota Division of Library Instruction in 1935, has been appointed librarian of the staff and school library at the Minnesota School and Colony, Faribault. There are now trained and experienced full-time librarians in eight of the eighteen institutions.

Miss Mary Heenan, School for the Blind, and a member of the A. L. A. Committee on

Work with the Blind attended the A. L. A. meeting at Denver.

Miss Eleanor Brown, School for the Deaf, has two adaptations now in print, **The Merchant of Venice** and **Rip Van Winkle**, written especially for the children of the School for the Deaf. These are part of the program that is being attempted by the school libraries in the institutions to cope with vocabulary disabilities.

For the last fiscal year, July 1, 1934-June 30, 1935, the circulation in the institutions went well over 600,000 showing an appreciable increase over last year. Twenty-five percent of this reading is non-fiction.

3,152 volumes were added by purchase and 1,063 by gift (almost half of this number were volumes in Braille from New York) making a total of 4,215.

A Hospital Libraries Round Table will be held at the meeting of the American Hospital Association in St. Louis on October 2nd.

The Public Library and Its Hospital Department

Word has come to our office through the press that library service to patients in hospitals is increasing, that there is here a memorial collection of books left to the hospital, that in another city a library "on wheels" has been established. That is splendid! So far, so good. But close on the heels of this information comes the news that although this is called a library, librarians have practically nothing to do with it. That is not as it should be.

There is no question that this service is a department of the library. Each citizen is entitled to books whether sick or well and the library's responsibility does not stop once he has entered the hospital.

If we are librarians for a certain community let us do our job by the members of that community whether sick or well, and not hand it over to others. If the librarian has not a trained or experienced person to put on this service she could perhaps organize and train volunteers until better provisions can be made. In any case keep the service connected with the library and an organized part of the library.

Let us not forget that a poorly supervised book service may be as dangerous for a patient as a poorly supervised diet.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

MINNESOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

DIVISION MEETINGS

I. Central—St. Cloud. On October 18 the Library Section of the C. M. E. A. will have a luncheon meeting and exhibit at St. Cloud. Mr. Glenville Smith has been invited to speak. His article, "Minnesota, Mother of Lakes and Rivers," appeared in "The National Geographic Magazine," March, 1935.

CLARA LEDAHL, Chairman.

II. Northeast—Virginia. The Library Section of the N. E. M. E. A. will meet in Virginia October 25, at 2:30 P. M. at the Senior High School Library, Roosevelt Building. Dr. LeRoy C. Arnold of Hamline University, will speak on "Best Books of the Century and of the Year." Miss Clara F. Baldwin will tell of the International Library Conference which she attended in Spain, and the work of the State Library Planning Committee of which she is chairman.

MAE ARLANDER, Chairman.

III. Northern—Thief River Falls. The school librarians of the N. M. E. A. will meet October 17-18 at Thief River Falls. Here they will have an opportunity to observe the very successful experiment in the rural school library field carried on by Mrs. Hazel Halgrim, librarian of the Pennington County Library, and the work of the Thief River Falls Public School Library of which Minnie Leavitt is librarian. Miss Wood, State Supervisor, will be present to confer with school librarians.

IV. Southeast—Rochester. The S. E. M. E. A. School Library Section will meet October 25 at Rochester for luncheon.

MRS. AMANDA ANDERSON, Chairman.

V. Southwest—Mankato. The program of the Library Section of the S. W. M. E. A., October 24-25, will center around Miss Helen Ferris, New York City, who is Editor-in-Chief of the Junior Literary Guild. Miss Ferris will speak at a general session of the Division Meeting and at one of the teachers' sections as well as at the librarians' luncheon.

AGNES TANGJERD, Chairman.

VI. Western—Moorhead. On October 17, the Library Section of the W. M. E. A. will meet at Moorhead for a luncheon meeting. The speaker will be Miss Wood, State Supervisor. Her topic will be "A Larger View of Our Work."

RUTH BURKLAND, Chairman.

VII and VIII. St. Paul and Minneapolis. Because of the problem of arranging two programs for the same month, the school librarians of the Twin Cities Divisions are invited to combine forces with the children's librarians at the Minnesota Library Association on Saturday, October 14th in St. Paul for a morning meeting followed by a luncheon meeting.

During the meeting of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Divisions of the Minnesota Edu-

cation Association, in Minneapolis, November 1st, Miss Wood, State Supervisor, is asking the school librarians from all towns outside of the Twin Cities to meet with her to talk over the problems of the smaller school libraries.

ELSIE BAKER and
LOUISE ENCKING,
Joint Chairmen.

SCHOOL LIBRARY LAWS

1. New Law for Public School Library Aid.

The revision of the law under which aid is distributed to public school libraries for the purchase of books is a notable milestone.

The aid in the future will be based upon the number of pupils in average daily attendance during the preceding year rather than upon the number of school buildings.

"Any school district or unorganized territory may receive aid for the purchase of library books not to exceed one-half the amount expended or fifty cents (\$.50) per pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding year for five hundred (500) pupils, nor to exceed one-fourth the amount expended or twenty-five cents (\$.25) per additional pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding year in such school district or unorganized territory." (Sec. 3028, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, as amended in Chapter 288, Sec. 2, Laws of 1935.)

The old law was intended at its inception to provide for rural schools. When it was applied to the town and city schools it often worked a hardship in a community which erected a modern building to replace two old ones. The amount of the aid, also, was not equal to the needs of the larger schools and during recent years appropriations have dwindled to the very inadequate sum of \$20,000.

The basis now is the approved national library standard of \$1 per pupil per year. The refund made by the state for \$500 spent for the first 500 pupils in average daily attendance during the preceding year would be \$250 or 50 cents for each dollar. If the school had an attendance of 700, the refund made by the state based upon the additional 200 pupils would be \$50 or 25 cents for each additional dollar spent. The library aid will be paid out of the general state aid fund and prorated, if necessary, upon the same basis as other aid.

The laws for the selection of the books from the State School Library List, the application for the aid, and the provision for care and circulation remain the same.

The new law is evidence that the State Department of Education believes that the school library has a vital part to play in the schools.

2. Certification Law for Public School Librarians.

Professional recognition was achieved by Minnesota school librarians through the re-enactment at the 1935 Legislature of the law for their certification. School librarians are requested to apply for credentials promptly.

The Minnesota Library Association sponsored the certification bill and was active in securing its passage. Certificates were issued between the years 1925 and 1929. Two certification bills were introduced in 1929, one for the revision of teachers' certification and the other for librarians. The latter failed to pass. The 1935 bill restores the school librarians to the group of special teachers to whom a High School Standard Special Certificate is issued.

Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2900-6, Subdivision (b), was amended by Chapter 330 of the Laws of 1935 so as to read as follows:

"The High School Standard Special Certificate shall qualify any person to teach in the special fields of agriculture, . . . , or such other special fields as the needs of the schools may from time to time require **and to act as school librarian. . . .**"

The rules of the Minnesota Board of Education for the administration of this law are as follows:

- a. The basis for the issuance of the High School Special Certificate for a school librarian is as follows:

A degree from a state teachers' college, state college of education, approved technical-training institution, or accredited liberal arts college; a major in library science, based on at least 30 semester (45 quarter) hours: 15 semester (22½ quarter) hours in education, including the following courses:
Education psychology.....3 semester hours
General methods (technic of

teaching).....3 semester hours
Special methods.....3 semester hours
Observation, practice teaching..3 semester hours

Note: The last two courses must be in the library field but may be counted towards the major of 30 semester hours in library science. If the two are taken in combination, the resulting course should carry six semester hours.

- b. An endorsement (permit) given to a person not qualified for a school librarian's certificate will apply to the following types of librarians:
 - (1) Teacher librarians devoting less than 50% of the school day to library work;
 - (2) Librarians with a year of library training but lacking some educational credits;
 - (3) Librarians with less than a year of library training.
- c. The following librarians are required to hold High School Standard Special Certificates for school library work:
 - (1) Full-time librarians, or part-time librarians devoting 50% or more time to library work;
 - (2) Librarians of public libraries doing school library work under contract between school and library board.

Notes: 1. School librarians who entered service before the passage of the law, not meeting the requirements, will be qualified to continue under the same conditions in their present positions.

2. Librarians' certificates granted prior to and in force at the time of the passage of the 1929 Certificate Law will be valid under the provisions of the law by which they were granted.

Library Service

Library service shall be rendered by a qualified librarian to elementary and secondary school pupils and teachers.

- Recommendations: a. In schools employing from five to twenty-four teachers, library service of not less than one period daily should be rendered by a certified librarian or a part-time librarian with a library endorsement based on a minimum of six semester or nine quarter hours of library science.
- b. In schools employing from twenty-five to forty-nine teachers library service of not less than half the school day should be rendered by a certified librarian.
 - c. In schools employing fifty or more teachers full-time library service should be rendered by a certified librarian.
 - d. In schools employing more than fifty teachers a full-time certified library assistant should be employed for each additional fifty teachers, or major portion thereof.

3. Laws for Library Cooperation.

Besides the laws for State School Library Aid and Certification, two other laws underlying the development of library facilities in Minnesota should be studied so that public and school librarians may interpret these laws to their communities.

In order to provide sufficient funds for the purchase of books, the employment of trained librarians, and necessary equipment, smaller units may combine under the following laws:

- a. **A contract of any school board with any public library board for service.** (Sec. 3020, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927.)

The contract plan, which permits any school board to turn over to any public library its book fund and state aid, and to jointly employ a librarian for service, has proved a wise policy in the one hundred and eleven school districts where it has been tried, fifteen of which are new this year.

The total number of cooperating school boards, including the nineteen having agreements, is one hundred and thirty.

(1) Contracts of city school boards and public library board are seventeen in number: Austin (for elementary schools only); Chatfield; Fairmont (for elementary schools only); Faribault; Fergus Falls; International Falls; Minneapolis (for elementary and junior high schools); Montivideo; Morris; Pine Island; Princeton; Red Wing; St. Paul (for elementary schools only); Sauk Center; Wadena; Willmar; Zumbrota.

(2) Contracts of rural school boards with public library boards are seventy-five in number. For the first time rural schools in Stearns County and Polk County have made contracts with Sauk Center and Crookston respectively. Pennington County, with seven additional contracts making a total of thirty-one, heads the list.

Eldred, District 281, Polk County with Crookston; Unorganized territory and Holler, Koochiching County with International Falls; Bloomington—Eden Prairie—Edina—Glen Lake—Minnetonka Mills—Minnewashta—Mound and St. Louis Park, Hennepin County with Minneapolis; Twenty-four rural districts in Ramsey County with St. Paul; Nine rural districts in Stearns County and two rural districts in Todd County with Sauk Center; and thirty-one rural districts in Pennington County with Thief River Falls.

Note: There are nineteen other school districts with agreements for various types of cooperation with the public library: Bayport; Cokato; Cloquet; Crookston (\$50 for books); Dawson; Duluth (Morgan Park Branch); Glenwood; Hastings; Keewatin; Kinney; Le Sueur; Long Prairie; Monticello (under special law for cooperation); Nashwauk; Owatonna (for elementary schools only); Preston; Thief River Falls (\$100 for magazines); Warren; Windom.

b. A contract of a board of county commissioners with a public library board in the same or adjoining counties. (General Statutes, 1923, Sec. 673.)

Eleven counties are operating under this law, as listed in March Library Notes and News, p. 84. Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Meeker, Pennington, Ramsey, Steele, Washington.

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PERIODICALS FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Among the important duties of the school librarian early in the fall is the preparation of the periodical order. Magazines may change in format, frequency of publication and editorial policy. In general the usefulness of a magazine for reference work is much greater if included in the Readers' Guide. Subscriptions should be placed for the entire year rather than the school year in order that articles published in the summer may be made available. As many of the magazines are published for general adult readers, the librarian needs to scan each issue carefully for articles that may not be suitable for adolescents. Bringing to the attention of the pupils and teachers articles that fit their interests is an important duty.

The following lists are suggestive. They are monthlies unless the frequency is indicated. This year, instead of a short selective list, a longer list has been prepared. Not all are equally useful. Sample copies may be secured for comparison from the publishers. Advice will be given by the State Supervisor.

General Reading Periodicals

American academy of political and social science. Annals (bi-monthly)	\$5.00
American boy	1.00
American builder and Building age	2.00
American girl	1.50
American home	1.00
American observer (weekly)	2.00
Athletic journal	1.50
Atlantic monthly	4.00

Aviation	3.00
Better homes and gardens	1.00
Boys' life	1.00
Camera	2.50
Congressional digest	5.00
Current history	3.00
Etude	2.00
Forum	4.00
Good housekeeping	2.50
Harpers	4.00
Hygeia	2.50
Literary digest (weekly)	4.00
Minnesota. Department of conservation.	
Minnesota conservationist	
Modern mechanic & inventions magazine	1.50
Nation (weekly)	5.00
National geographic magazine	3.50
Nature magazine	3.00
New republic (weekly)	5.00
New York times book review (weekly)	2.00
News week	4.00
Parents' magazine	2.00
Popular homecraft	3.00
Popular mechanics	2.50
Popular science monthly	1.50
Radio news	2.50
Reader's digest	3.00
Recreation	2.00
Review of reviews.	4.00
Scholastic (every other week, Sept.-June)	1.50
School and society (weekly)	5.00
Scientific American	4.00
Scribner's magazine	4.00
Survey incl. Survey graphic	5.00
Theatre arts monthly	5.00
Time (weekly)	5.00
Travel	4.00

Professional Periodicals

American childhood	\$2.50
American library association. Booklist	2.50
American library association. Bulletin	5.00
American school board journal	3.00
Book review digest (service basis)	
Business education world (monthly Sept.-June)	1.00
Elementary English review (monthly Sept.-June)	2.50
Elementary school journal	2.50
English journal	3.00
Education	4.00
Educational administration and supervision	4.50
Educational method	3.00
Flower grower	1.50
Forecast	2.00
Grade teacher	2.50
Gregg writer (monthly Sept.-June)	1.50
Industrial arts and vocational education	2.50
Industrial education magazine	2.50
Instructor (monthly Sept.-June)	2.50
Journal of business education (monthly Sept.-June)	1.00
Journal of geography	2.50
Journal of health and physical education	2.00
Journal of home economics	2.50
Junior senior high school clearing house	3.00
Library journal (semi-monthly)	5.00
Mathematics teacher	2.00
Minnesota. Department of education.	
Library notes and news (quarterly)	
Minnesota. Department of education.	
Minnesota schools	

Minnesota education association. Journal	
Minnesota congress of parents and teachers.	
Minnesota parent-teacher	
Nation's schools	2.00
National congress of parents and teachers.	
National parent-teacher	1.00
National education association. Journal	5.00
Quarterly journal of speech	2.50
Readers' guide to periodical literature	
(Service basis)	
Readers' guide. Abridged (Service basis)	
Reading and the school library (monthly	
Sept.-June)	2.00
Safety education (monthly Sept.-June)	1.00
School arts magazine	3.00
School executive	2.00
School management	1.00
School review	2.50
School science and mathematics	2.50
Science news letter	5.00
Science classroom (monthly Sept.-June)	.25
Social frontier (monthly Oct.-June)	2.00
Social studies	2.00
Subscription books bulletin (quarterly)	1.00
U. S. Office of education. School life	1.00
Wilson bulletin	.50

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THE SCHOOL LIBRARY LIST

The Supplement to the Minnesota school library list for 1935, including the two parts in one pamphlet, has been distributed to the superintendents of schools. A small edition was issued. Considerable work has been done on a complete revision of the list which, if funds are sufficient, will be published some time next year. Reliable dealers fill orders with the latest editions and reprint editions, which receive aid without question.

INFORMATION ON REFERENCE SETS AND OTHER MATERIAL

The publishers of two subscription sets entered in the Senior high school list, supplement 1935, have sent the following notices.

"Due to the cost of completing the **Encyclopedia of the social sciences**, (Macmillan) we are forced beginning, October 1st, 1935, to decrease the 25% cash discount on the set to 10% cash in ninety days after billing.

"The list price is \$7.50 per volume, totaling \$112.50 for the set, which is sold only complete in fifteen volumes. With 25% discount to schools and libraries the price is now \$84.38 cash in ninety days, which includes delivery charges. After October 1st the cash price will be \$101.25."

Regarding the **Dictionary of American biography** the statement is "We are getting to the bottom of the bin on this pure rag paper edition. . . . Scribner's will accept subscriptions for \$36.00 annually or \$18.00 semi-annually or \$9.00 quarterly. Sixteen volumes are now published and will be delivered to the schools without down payment and each of the four remaining volumes of the set will be delivered as published."

"1000 Books for the Senior High School Library" compiled by a Joint Committee of the A. L. A., N. E. A. and National Council of teachers of English, Mary E. Foster, Chairman (A. L. A. \$1) is a valuable aid especially to the school of limited funds.

"Pupil Assistants in the School Library" prepared by the Senior high school librarians in Minneapolis is very welcome. It is in tentative form and may be obtained for fifty cents from Miss Margaret Greer, Librarian, Board of Education, Minneapolis.

"Abridged Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature" which indexes twenty-two periodicals at present will be very useful to the small school. Like the larger Readers' Guide it is sold on the service basis.

"Abridged High School Standard Catalog" listing 1200 titles starred for first purchase in the 1932 edition of the larger work "Standard Catalog for High School Libraries" and Supplements analyzes important subjects and is therefore a reference as well as a book selection aid for the small school.

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